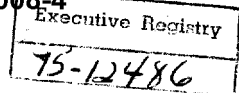


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William Sheehan, President



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Dear Mr. Colby:

In your testimony before the Pike Committee on November 6th, you responded in the affirmative to certain questions concerning the CIA employing correspondents of major American news-gathering organizations. Although you declined to elaborate the names of the organizations or correspondents involved, I am informed that you did so in private session with the Committee.

As a consequence of your testimony, questions have been raised concerning the credibility of ABC News. Stories have begun to circulate concerning the newsmen named by you in closed session.

So far as ABC is concerned, to the best of my knowledge, no present employee of ABC works for the CIA, or has in the past worked for the CIA while an ABC employee.

In order to clear the air of rumor and innuendo, I would appreciate your confirmation that no ABC employees are involved.

For your information, I have today sent a letter to Chairman Pike in which I have made the same request.

Sincerely,

William Sheehan

Mr. William E. Colby, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

November 14, 1975

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